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LONDON PASS CODEL WILSON

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SUBJECT: CODEL WILSON

(A) STATE 292926; (B) STATE 297232; (C) ATHENS 9861;

(D) STATE 295946

1. WE WELCOME ATHENS VISIT OF CODEL WILSON JANUARY 5112.

2. AMBASSADOR KUBISCH AND KEY MEMBERS OF COUNTRY TEAM WOULD BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE BRIEFING FOR CODEL AT EMBASSY AT 12:30 JANUARY 5. AMBASSADOR ALSO EXTENDS INVITATION TO ATTEND SMALL RECEPTION FOR CODEL WILSON AND CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI AT RESIDENCE FROM 6:30 TO 8 P.M. JANUARY 9.

3. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE DESIGNED TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON SUBJECTS OUTLINED IN REF A. EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASED TO SCHEDULE FURTHER APPOINTMENTS, IF DESIRED. CODEL SHOULD NOTE THAT JANUARY 6 IS GREEK EPIPHANY HOLIDAY AND MANY GREEK OFFICES WILL ALSO BE CLOSED JANUARY 5. APPOINTMENTS THEREFORE PLANNED FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JAN 7 - 9. EXACT TIMES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 7

10:00 CALL ON DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS PANOURGHAS PANOURGHAS, WHO IS SENIOR OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR GREEK POSTAL SYSTEM.

10:45 MEETING WITH GENERAL DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS THEODOROS BENEKOS, DIRECTOR OF POSTAL SERVICE PAPACOSTAS, AND OTHER SENIOR POSTAL OFFICIALS.

THURSDAY, JAN 8

10:00 MEETING WITH GENERAL DIRECTOR GEORGE PRIOVOLOS AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF ATHENS POST OFFICE.

11:00 TOUR OF POST OFFICE FACILITIES.

12 NOON VISIT TO MAIL SORTING FACILITIES OF LARISSA RAILWAY STATION (IN ATHENS), FOR WHICH MODERNIZATION PLAN BEING DEVELOPED.

FRIDAY, JAN 9

10:00 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT DIONYSIOS ZAPANTIS AND SECRETARY GENERAL ANASTASIOS DEMESTICHAS OF GREEK FEDERATION OF POSTAL EMPLOYEES.

11:30 VISIT TO GREEK PARLIAMENT AND MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR POSTAL LEGISLATION.
(TO BE CONFIRMED).

18:30-20:00 RECEPTION AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

4, FYI: GREEK POSTAL SYSTEM IS GOVERNMENT SERVICE UNDER SUPERVISION OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS. POSTAL SERVICE EMPLOYS 8,736 PERSONS, ALL OF WHOM BELONG TO GREEK FEDERATION OF POSTAL EMPLOYEES. FIRST ESTABLISHED IN 1828, POSTAL SERVICE WAS REORGANIZED IN MAY 1970 AS SEMI-AUTONOMOUS AGENCY UNDER CONTROL OF MINISTRY. OPERATING BUDGET (\$61.7 MILLION FOR 1975) IS FUNDED FROM STAMP AND POSTAGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REVENUES WITH DEFICIT COVERED BY ANUAL SUBSIDY FROM GOVERNMENT-RUN HELLENIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORGANIZATION (OTE). SERVICE PROCESSED 298 MILLION LETTERS, 1.8 MILLION PACKAGES, AND 5.1 MILLION MONEY ORDERS IN 1974. GREECE IS NOW DEVELOPING POSTAL MODERNIZATION PLAN WITH ASSISTANCE OF FRENCH CONSULTANTS TO INCLUDE AUTOMATED MAIL SORTING FACILITIES. INTERNATIONAL TENDERS MAY BE ISSUED

DURING 1976 FOR OVERALL PROJECT. AT PRESENT TIME,
OPERATIONS ARE BASED ON BELT CONVEYERS.

5. RENTAL CAR RESERVED FOR DURATION OF STAY, AS
REQUESTED REF B.

6. REFRIGERATOR WILL BE INSTALLED IN REP. WILSON'S
ROOM, AS REQUESTED REF D.
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